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 Applicant: Detlev CORDTS et al.
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 9, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 13 of this paper.